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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 358,738,
filed on July 21, 1999, entitled Method for Measuring Stress Levels in Polymeric Compositions

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Prior to issuing a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified continued-prosecution application, consideration of the amendments and remarks set out below is respectively requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 33 and 37-49 as follows:

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33. (Twice Amended) A method of measuring a magnetic characteristic of ferromagnetic or ferrimagnetic microparticles, said microparticles being provided in a polymeric or pre-polymeric composition, said method comprising the steps of: (a) providing an instrument for measuring inductance or inductive reactance; (b) subjecting a portion of the instrument to different temperatures and recording data corresponding to the performance of the instrument portion at each temperature; (c) making at least one measurement using the instrument; (d) correcting said measurement for temperature based on the performance data; and (e) determining the magnetic characteristic of the microparticles using the corrected measurement.

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37. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim 33, wherein said step of providing an instrument comprises the step of providing a solenoid coil which defines the instrument portion and a meter for directly reading coil inductance, the inductance of the coil is directly related to

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Title: METHOD FOR MEASURING STRESS LEVELS IN POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS
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